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INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

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SUBJ: ALGERIAN REACTION TO NEW NIGER GOVERNMENT

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1. APRIL 23 GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED EL MOUDJAHID CARRIES
FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED, "NIGER, NEW REGIME
SUPPORTS ARAB CAUSE." THIS CAN BE INTERPRETED AS
ALGERIAN STAMP OF APPROVAL FOR KOUNTCHE REGIME.

2. ALGERIANS HAVE BEEN SLOW TO REACT TO COUP IN
NIGER NOT FROM LACK OF CONCERN BUT RATHER BECAUSE
PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA WERE IN CUBA
UNTIL APRIL 17 AND THEN BUSY WITH VISIT OF WILLY
BRANDT APRIL 19-21. ON APRIL 21, BOUMEDIENE SENT
COLONEL AHMED DRAIA, DIRGEN OF NATIONAL SECURITY
AND MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION, ON
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OVERNIGHT VISIT TO NIAMEY TO ASSESS AND ESTABLISH

CONTACT WITH NEW REGIME. QUESTIONS OF PARTICULAR
CONCERN TO GOA INCLUDE EXTENT OF LIBYAN INFLUENCE ON
NIGER'S MILITARY LEADERS AND THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD
ARAB AND NON-ALIGNED CAUSES. IT APPEARS FROM HERE
THAT DRAIA RECEIVED SATISFACTORY ANSWERS ON THESE
POINTS FROM NEW NIGERIAN LEADERSHIP.
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